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TAGS: APER, PFOR (TUBERSON, RAYMOND C.)

SUBJ: CHARGE AGAINST EMBASSY STAFF MEMBER

PASS: L/ M/ SCA

1. EMB TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICER RAYMOND C.

TUBERSON STOPPED BY SOFIA POLICEMAN FRIDAY NIGHT
FOR MOVING TRAFFIC IRREGULARITY. DRIVERS LICENSE
PICKED UP AND TRAFFIC AUTHORITIES CLAIM 50 LEVA
(\$30.12) FINE MUST BE PAID PRIOR RETURN LICENSE.

2. TUBERSON ADVISES THAT HE AND WIFE HAD RETURNED
HOME FROM DINNER AT LOCAL RESTAURANT AT 9:00 PM
AND THAT HE WAS TAKING BABYSITTER HOME APPROXIMATELY
ONE HALF HOUR LATER WHEN APPREHENDED. TUBERSON HAD
MADE ILLEGAL LEFT HAND TURN AT POINT WHERE APPREHENDED
WHICH IS NOT UNCOMMON PRACTICE DURING PERIOD WHERE
MAIN ROAD IS UNDER REPAIR. USUAL FINE FOR SUCH
ILLEGAL PROCEDURE IS TWO LEVA (\$1.21).

3. TUBERSON STATES THAT UPON BEING STOPPED HE GAVE
POLICE OFFICER IDENTITY CARD AND DRIVERS LICENSE.
POLICEMAN WISHED TO RETAIN BOTH, BUT RETURNED ID
CARD. BABYSITTER TOLD TUBERSON THAT HE WAS ORDERED
TO REPORT TO FIRST POLICE PRECINCT IN MORNING TO
PAY FINE AND RECAPTURE LICENSE. BABYSITTER ALSO TOLD
TUBERSON THAT POLICEMAN WAS ACCUSING HIM OF DRUNKEN
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DRIVING RATHER THAN TRAFFIC VIOLATION. TUBERSON ALSO STATES THAT DESPITE LANGUAGE BARRIER HE GATHERED THAT POLICEMAN WAS BEING ABUSIVE.

4. INQUIRY BY EMB CONSULAR OFFICER ON SATURDAY MORNING WITH OFFICER IN CHARGE FIRST PRECINCT DEVELOPED INFORMATION THAT CHARGE WAS IN FACT DRUNKEN DRIVING. TUBERSON SAYS HE AND WIFE SHARED ONE BOTTLE WINE AT DINNER AND THAT HE WAS NOT INEBRIATED.

5. FURTHER INQUIRY BY CONSULAR OFFICER SATURDAY MORNING AT PROTOCOL DIVISION OF MFA CONFIRMED CHARGE. HE WAS ADVISED THAT FINE SHOULD BE PAID AS LICENSE WOULD ORDINARILY HAVE BEEN LIFTED FOR SIX MONTH TO ONE YEAR PERIOD.

6. EMB HAS NOT EXPERIENCED INCIDENT OF THIS TYPE AND DEPARTMENT ADVICE IS SOLICITED AS EMB FEELS CHARGE AND FINE EXCESSIVE. FURTHER, INSISTENCE BY POLICE OFFICIALS THAT TUBERSON SIGN STATEMENT ADMITTING GUILT PRIOR RETURN LICENSE BELIEVED UNWARRANTED. IMPORTANT THAT LICENSE BE RESTORED QUICKLY AS TUBERSON IS TELECOMMUNICATOR AND NOT ABLE ANSWER NIGHT CALLS UNLESS PICKED UP BY DUTY OFFICER.

7. ADVISE URGENTLY.
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